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*Positioned For Maturity*  
**Philippians 3:1-16**

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- "As we get more in touch with the willingness to suffer for others, for Jesus' sake, we get more in touch with the resurrection power of Jesus in our lives."  
Do you believe that?  
Ever experienced that?
- The Process part of spiritually maturing (verse 12):
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Letting go of the past is hindered by:  
A/ PRIDE  
- You can't move forward when you're looking \_\_\_\_\_
- B/ REGRET  
- can come from.....  
- consider Paul's regret (1 Corinthians 15:8-9)  
- good regret vs toxic regret.....  
- the key that unchains us from regret (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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**What is past is gone. Forever. Don't go searching for it. He has sent it to hell.**  
**Look forward, instead.**  
**Which is where our future is found. In heaven – with Jesus!**

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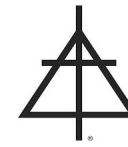
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